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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination and the calculation of the filing fee for the above-referenced application, please amend and consider the application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Attached hereto is a marked up version of the changes made to the claims and specification by the current amendment. The marked up version of the changes to the abstract is captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made".

In the Specification:

On page 1, line 1, please insert the following:

-- Cross-Reference to Related Applications

The present application is a national phase filing based on PCT International Application No. PCT/EP99/09870 filed 13 December 1999. This PCT application claims priority to German Application No. 19857619.9 filed 13 December 1998, German Application No. 19948616.6 filed 8 October 1999, and German Application No. 19948615.8 filed 8 October 1999. The above PCT application was published in the English language as WO 00/36138. --

In the Claims:

Please enter the following amended claims:

23. (Amended) A method for inhibiting the growth of a plant by treatment with a herbicidally effective amount of a chemical compound selected from the class of

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